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For: DATA TRANSFERRING APPARATUS  
AND DATA TRANSFERRING METHOD:  
THAT USE FAST RING CONNECTION :

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Copies of the documents are also being submitted.

The references submitted herewith were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an January 23, 2004 Office Action (copy enclosed) for a counterpart application. Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of that date and prior to a Notice of Allowance or Final Office Action, no fee is due.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were

cited. A copy of the official action is enclosed. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application corresponding to the above-captioned U.S. patent application. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the space adjacent to each document on the PTO-1449 form and return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to confirm that these documents have been considered by the Examiner and made of record in this application.

Although we believe that we have appropriately provided for any fees due in connection with this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to/from our **Deposit Account No. 031721**. Two originally-executed copies of this form are being submitted.

Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4038.

Respectfully submitted,  
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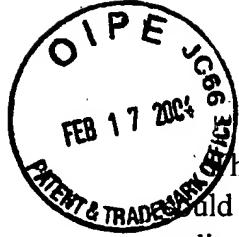


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The inventions claimed in the following claims of the present application are inventions that could easily have been invented prior to the filing of the application by a person having an ordinary knowledge of the technical field to which the inventions belong on the basis of inventions described in the following publications, which were disseminated in Japan or in foreign countries prior to the filing of the application. Thus, in accordance with the provisions of Section 29 (2) of the Patent Law, these inventions cannot be patented.

Note (For cited references, etc., see the Table of Cited References, etc.)

Regarding

Claims 1 through 3

Claims 8 through 10

The invalidation of a slot is a universally known technique, and the technique of inserting transmission data in a reception slot is disclosed in Cited Reference 2.

With regard to the inventions claimed in claims other than the claim indicated in this Notification of Reasons for Rejection, no reasons for rejection have been discovered at this time. If reasons for rejection are newly discovered, you will be notified of these reasons for rejection.

#### Table of Cited References, etc.

1. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H9-200239
2. Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. S52-87302